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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2250

INFO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

UNCLAS LOURENCO MARQUES 0851

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, MZ

SUBJECT: TRAIN CRASH TIES UP ROAD TRAFFIC

1. TWO TRAINS COLLIDED DECEMBER 4 BENEATH PINTO TEIXEIRA BRIDGE, AN OVERPASS BETWEEN LOURENCO MARQUES AND SUBURBAN SALAZAR ON MAIN HIGHWAY TO SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAZILAND, KNOCKING DOWN FOUR OF BRIDGE PILLARS AND FORCING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BRIDGE. THIS LED TO SEVERE TRAFFIC TIEUPS, AS ONLY OTHER ROAD ACROSS INFULENE SWAMP IS CIRCUITOUS ROUTE VIA MACHAVA.

2. TRAIN TRAFFIC, AT LATEST REPORT, REESTABLISHED ON ONE OF TWO TRACKS, WITH REPAIR OF SECOND TRACK UNDER WAY. ROAD BRIDGE REMAINS CLOSED TO HEAVY TRAFFIC, BUT LIGHT CARS BEING PERMITTED TO CROSS IN DIRECTION OF LOURENCO MARQUES FROM 0600 TO 0900 AND FROM 1300 TO 1630 HOURS, AND IN WESTWARD DIRECTION FROM 0900 TO 1300 AND 1630 TO 2000 HOURS.

3. CRACKUP OF THE TWO TRAINS IS ATTRIBUTED TO HUMAN ERROR.

4. COMMENT: LOURENCO MARQUES HAS ENOUGH TRAFFIC PROBLEMS THESE DAYS DUE TO RAVAGES OF RAINFALL AND SHORTAGE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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